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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, PO, MZ

SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA HEAD ABOUT TO BE NAMED

REF: LISBON 3036

1. LISBON PRESS IS SPECULATING THAT MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (AND MFA MEMBER ON COUNCIL OF STATE) MAJOR ERNESTO MELO ANTUNES IS ABOUT TO BE NAMED HEAD OF MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION MELO ANTUNES ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENT WITHOUT CONFIRMING IT OUTRIGHT. HOWEVER, NO FORMAL OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS YET MADE.

2. MELO ANTUNES RETURNED TO LISBON AUGUST 5, HAVING SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN ROME ON "A SECRET AND OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISSION." PRESS SPECULATES THAT MISSION INVOLVED CONTACTS

WITH FRELIMO, VIA INTERMEDIARY OV VATICAN, CONCERNING POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP IN A MOZAMBIQUE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

3. BIO CONTAINED REFTTEL.

4. JUNTA MEMBER TOLD EMBOFF LAST WEEKEND THAT MELO ANTUNUES WAS DEFINITELY GOING TO HEAD MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA. OUR INFORMANT (WHO RIGHT OF CENTER) WAS PLEASED THAT THIS MOVE MEANT THAT TWO MOST LEFTIST AMONG PRESENT MILITARY LEADERS, ROSA COUTINHO AND MELO ANTUNES, WERE FARMED OUT TO PROVINCES AND THEREFORE COULD NOT EXERT DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE IN METROPOLE.  
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